

MODERN RING MANAGERS OPERATE ON BIG BUSINESS SCALE

HANDLERS OF OLD-TIMERS FAILED AS MONEY-GETTERS

Brans Behind the Boxer Were Not Very Clever Arranging Big Fights in the Days of Jeffries, When Bat Nelson Received Only \$1,500 for a Big Bout.

By Robert Edgren.

AS money getters old time managers of champions were hardly in the same class with the modern bunch. But in the old days money was more or less of a side issue. And in the old days boxing matches didn't draw such immense crowds and people didn't dream of paying \$50 or \$100 for seats.

The highest price I remember was at the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight, where seats in the ringside boxes were sold at \$40. This was for the advertised heavyweight championship match in many years. Today fight fans pay as much or more for box seats, even when little fellows meet for the minor titles.

Modern gate receipts for any championship fight run anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1,623,000.

In the old times the gate receipts for the Jeffries-Sharkey fight broke all records. The gate was \$65,300 and the fighters' share was \$36,465 split 75-25.

Champions didn't demand all the money in those days. They were satisfied to fight winner take all, or for winner and loser's percentage, usually 75-25 or 65-35.

Imagine a modern champion, even among the lightweights, being immensely pleased with himself because he won 75 per cent. of a \$36,465 purse or \$27,349.

That was what Jeffries, the greatest champion of twenty years ago, received for beating Tom Sharkey in twenty-five rounds of the hardest fighting of his whole career.

I remember meeting Jeffries a few days after that fight, and in smiling pride over his prosperity Jim pulled a bank book out of his pocket and showed me the deposit made just after the fight, and his balance.

Modern managers would look on that \$27,349 as chicken feed.

There were some smooth birds in the game in the old days. Tom

McGovern, now a boxing commissioner in New York, not only managed George Dixon and Joe Walcott, two black champions whose fighting ability may have been equaled but never surpassed, but in addition ran a big boxing club and had all the other champs fighting for him.

McGovern managed Tom Sharkey too.

HE DEVELOPED JEFFRIES.

Billy Delaney was one of the greatest old-time managers. He went to New Orleans with Jim Corbett, and it was under his coaching that Corbett

hipped Sullivan.

Afterward Delaney had Corbett in the fight with Fitzsimmons at Carson.

Delaney had brought young Jim Jeffries, a novice, but a giant in physique, up to Carson to be one of Corbett's sparring partners. The night

Corbett lost the championship Delaney proposed to Jeffries that under Delaney's coaching he might be

one to wrest the honors from Fitz.

Delaney matched Jeffries with Van

hooker, with Gus Ruhlin and with

Tom Sharkey, and Jeffries won his

first fight. Then he took big Jim to New

York, where Jeffries broke his hand

in defeating big Bob Armstrong and

dropped out of sight by returning to

California.

But a year or so later Delaney had

Jeffries back again, Billy Brown having

engineered a fight with Fitzsimmons,

and this time Jeff made good

and won the world's championship.

Delaney handled Jeff in all his

lights until Jim retired. Years later

the two quarreled because Jeffries

refused to return to the ring to fight

Jim Squires. When Jeffries was

forced out of retirement after six

years, by the public's demand that he

come back and fight Jack Johnson,

Delaney allowed his bitterness to turn

against Jeff. He joined Johnson's

camp as coach, and no doubt his

close knowledge of Jeffries' boxing

methods helped Johnson to win. De-

laney dropped out of the game after

his fight. Personally, he was a very

quiet man, with a keen sense of

humor.

Another great old timer was Billy

Madden, once manager of John L.

Sullivan, and brother of Charlie Mitchell

and Gus Ruhlin. Billy Madden was

in old time bare knuckle fighter him-

self. He knew the game as it was

played under London Prize Ring rules.

Breaking with Sullivan he went to

Ireland and England to hunt up a man

to whip John L., and brought back

Charlie Mitchell, a middleweight.

Mitchell was a wonder for his size. He fought Sullivan a thirty-nine-round

draw at Chantilly, France, in 1888, the fight ending when both men were too weary to lift their hands.

Madden nearly made Gus Ruhlin, the Akron Giant, a champion. Gus knocked out Tom Sharkey and many others, but was knocked out by Fitzsimmons and beaten by Jeffries.

Sam Harris was a great manager. Sam was driving a laundry wagon in Brooklyn when he became acquainted with Terry McGovern, a kid working in a lumber yard and boxing with the other boys after working hours. Sam, hardly more than a boy himself, undertook to make Terry a real fighter, and put Terry into some amateur bouts and Terry knocked out the amateur champion in a hurry. Then Sam made professional matches for Terry, who knocked out a lot of great fighters in a hurry.

After a couple of years, McGovern was near the champions—and the country was full of great little men in those days. In 1899 Terry knocked out Gus Leonard, Patsy Haley (now one of the best referees in New York), Sammy Kelly (afterward a Wall Street broker), Harry Forbes and another Palmer.

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SOME FAMOUS OLD TIME BOXING MANAGERS

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New Yorkers For A Day

By Roger Batchelder.

"I think that our new Governor is using little tact in conducting the affairs of his office, but, in my opinion, Porto Rican difficulties are due mainly to a lack of proper legislation on the part of Congress for that part of the United States," remarked Ramon Valdes, Senator for the majority, and prominent business man of Porto Rico.

"I have often wondered," he went on, "why Congress does not give special attention to the Porto Rican problem, for its solution would be of great advantage to this country. We are Latin, and South and Central American countries regard the manner in which Porto Rico is governed as a barometer of the attitude of the States towards Spanish-speaking countries. We are all loyal Americans and have proved it on many occasions, notably during the Great War."

HERE'S ONE FROM UP-STATE. George Morris of Amsterdam, N. Y., who owns a lot of mills up that way and is a member of the State Boxing Commission, told this one as he was packing his bag at the Biltmore yesterday, preparatory to a trip to Cuba. George said he heard it on the train from Amsterdam.

"Well, Rastus, I hear you are working again. What business

are you engaged in?" inquired one colored gentleman of another.

"I'm engaged in de mining business," replied his friend.

"What kind of mining are you doin'—gold, silver or diamonds?"

"I'm doin' kalsomining."

Then George left for Havana.

"BELLS ON HER TOES."

Most people think that one must at least lead an elephant

into a hotel dining room to create a stir in New York, but that idea

was dispelled yesterday by a beautiful young lady who, all by

herself, nearly put a stop to business at the Biltmore.

At about 9.30 she tripped in, clad in a green hat, green suit,

green stockings and green shoes.

And as she walked to the telephone, there came a "tinkle, tinkle."

The room clerks suspended their eyes; bell-hops suspended

operations and old gentlemen who should have known better just

stared. For on her green shoes were tiny bells. There was an

awed hush, which lasted until she

hung up the receiver and left the

hotel. Then some one sighed and

broke the tension.

FARTHEST FROM HOME.

The "New Yorker for a Day or Two" who is farthest from home to-day is

Gordon John, who is at the Pennsylvania.

Its home town, Valparaiso, Chile, is over 4,600 miles from Broad-

way.

but was in reality an order on the Brooklyn Savings Bank for all the

money she had there.

Detectives Brogan and Miss Wall

worked for years at Wannamaker's and

saved \$27,000, most of which is now

gone. He said she once gave \$3,000 to

Copeland, who met her at a Salvation

Army meeting. Copeland will be

brought back to Brooklyn this after-

noon.

ANNA GOULD WILLING

TO PENSION HER DUKE

Friends Say.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—Anna Gould, Duchess of Talleyrand, who was reported to have instituted divorce proceedings against her titled French husband, is prepared to grant the Duke a separation, with a generous allowance.

The famous heiress, whose affairs have been in the public press for a decade and refused to accept a divorce, her friends said, but is willing to separate and grant the Duke 100,000 francs annually.

SCALDED BY STEAM ON SHIP. Peter Stewart, a member of the crew of the steamship City of Pittsburgh, is in Norwegian Hospital, Brooklyn, to-day.

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Woodland Wonder Tales

By Cousin Eleanor

EAR Children Who Read About Me:

Last fall when the ground hog dug himself in, I was careful to notice

where he made his hole just so I

could see him come out on Feb. 2.

Of course you know that we squir-

rels do not need to inquire of Mr.

Ground Hog whether the weather will

continue cold, or become fair and

warmer. Away back in nutting sea-

son we know how long the coming

winter will last and just about when

to expect spring. The wise country-

man watches closely to see whether

we gather much or little food into

our holes, piling the earth in behind

means a long winter ahead.

So you see it was for no selfish

reason that I noted that Mr. Ground

hog, "I've not much left in my store-

house, so warm weather will suit me."

But Chuckie kept looking at the

ground. Little and little the gray cir-

cle around his feet grew darker and

sharper. The sun was coming

through. Chuckie was seeing his

shadow. His eyes grew wider and

wider when he was sure it really

was his shadow. "I've got to be get-

ting back," he said in his slow

Chuckie way, and disappeared down

his hole, piling the earth in behind

him as he went.

And now kiddie friends, we'll have

six weeks more of snow and skating

and winter frosting on the window

panes.

Aren't you glad? I am. Your own

BILLY BRIGHTYES.

"What did the groundhog do when

he came out?" asked Eena Bright-

eyes on the way home.

"He looked for his shadow," ex-

plained her daddy, Billy Brightyes.

"And then, what? Meena wanted

to know."

"Well, he saw it, got scared, went

back into his hole and now we will

have six weeks more of winter. If

he had not seen his shadow he would

have stayed out and it would have

meant that spring had come."

"Does the sunshine make the

groundhog see his shadow the same

as it makes me see mine?" Mina in-

quired.

"Yes."

"Then why can't we look at our

own shadows on Feb. 2 and decide

for ourselves?" she wanted to know.

"We can," said Billy Brightyes,

"but it isn't nearly so much fun."

Soon.

Good old winter.

Soon will leave us:

His time will soon be past:

And the birds

Shall sing and tell us

Spring is here at last!

By FLORENCE ROGERS, age ten,

Beacon, N. Y.

FEBRUARY CONTEST.

Subject: A Kiddie Klub Song.

Ten awards of \$1 each will be

awarded the ten Kiddie Klub mem-

bers, aged from six to fifteen, inclu-

sive, who send in the best poem for

a Kiddie Klub song.

The poem must not be copied and

sent to the Editor of the Evening

World, 100 N. 6th St., New York

City, N. Y., by Feb. 15, 1922.

Winners will be notified by mail.

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RENNER PROVING DARK HORSE OF BILLIARD TOURNEY

Youngstown Star Has Already Beaten Two Former National Champions.

In the national Class A 15.2 ball nine billiard tournament at the Crescent Athletic Club, Brooklyn, Emil A. Renner, the star from Youngstown, O., defeated E. W. Gardner in the matinee match of the tournament under the direction of the National Association of Amateur Billiard Players. The score was 300 points to 295, the closest battle of the series.

Renner by his victory over Gardner, the veteran, who has five times held the honors, has scored a record by accounting for the defeat of the two former champions in the classic. Percy N. Collins of the Illinois Athletic Club was the first to fall before his resourceful and nervy billiards.

Percy N. Collins, the balk line wizard of the West, hung up an average record for the national class A 15.2 ball nine championship in this evening's game. He completed his string in eleven innings. The figure was 27.3-11. It marks the second record to be broken in the tournament, as Edgar T. Appleby hung up the high run of 143 last Tuesday. Incidentally the representative of the Illinois Athletic Club played in a manner that amazed beholders, beating T. Henry Clarkson of the Amateur Billiard Club of New York by a score of 300 points to 28. The average of the latter was 7.8-11, and his best run 25, 21 and 16.

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